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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-1272-C)

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In the Application of:)
Mirkin, et al.)
Serial No.: 10/008,978) Examiner: TBA
Filing Date: December 7, 2001) Group Art Unit: 1645
For: Nanoparticles Having Oligonucleotides) Confirmation No.: 5877
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Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- a) Request for Status; and
- b) return receipt postcard.

2. With respect to fees:

- a) A fee is not required at this time.
- b) Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment our Deposit Account, No. 13-2490.

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Respectfully submitted,

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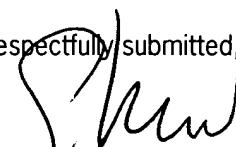
Dear Sir:

This is a request for status of this application. Over twelve (12) months have passed since the filing of this application and no substantive Office Action has issued.

Prompt consideration and entry of this Request is respectfully requested.

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